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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF ONE THAI AND ONE LAO LOCAL U.S. EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

REFS: A. VIENTIANE 2707; B. VIENTIANE 2558

1. U.S. EMBASSY EMPLOYEES THAWIN PHOLSENA (A THAI CITIZEN) AND PHO THASOUY (A LAO CITIZEN) WERE ACQUITTED OF CHARGE OF BEING CIA SPIES AND RELEASED BY THE LPDR FOLLOWING 70 AND 71 DAYS OF CAPTIVITY, RESPECTIVELY. THAWIN WAS PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE LPDR AND TOLD EMBOFF HE INTENDS TMWCONTINUE WORKING FOR EMBASSY AS DOES PHO.

2. A COPY OF THE VIENTIANE PROVINCIAL COURT DECISION IN LAO ACQUITTIN G THE TWO MEN WAS GIVEN TO THEM UPON THEIR RELEASE.

3. THE DECISION SAID THAT THAWIN HAD SOUGHT TO CHANGE HIS RESIDENCE IN VIENTIANE AND TO BECOME A LAO CITIZEN. IT ADDED THAT HE HAD SOUGHT PHO'S ASSISTANCE BUT THE TWO FAILED TO FOLLOW PROPER PROCEDURES.

4. THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COURT IS AS FOLLOWS

5 "IT IS THERE-

FORE RECOMMENDED THAT THAO KHAMPHO AND THAO THAWIN BE RELEASED. REGARDING THAO THAWIN: HIS FAMILY AND THE RESPONSIBLE
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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES ARE REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE HIS

RELEASE. THAO THAWIN MUST RENEW HIS RESIDENCE PERMIT THROUGH
PROPER CHANNELS AND MUST STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF TTO LPDR.
THAO THAWIN IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY."

5. THE DOCUMENT INFORMED BOTH PROSECUTOR AND DEFENDANTS THAT
THEY HAD SEVEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE DECISION TO MAKE APPEALS.

6. WILL REPORT SEPTEL NOVEMBER 27 ARREST OF ANOTHER
THAI NATIONAL U.S. EMBASSY EMPLOYEE. CORCORAN

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